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Application No: 09/939,860

Atty. Docket: COOK 3.2

Filed: 08/27/01

Title: Biodegradable Plant Shell

Applicant: Cook, Lynnwood C.

Group: 3643

Examiner: Griles, Bethany L.

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

A response in the application identified above is enclosed.

**Request for Extension of Time**

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):

Fee	Small Entity Fee		
One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$110	\$55	\$
Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$420	\$210	\$
Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$950	\$475	\$ 475.00
Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$1480	\$740	\$
Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$2010	\$1005	\$

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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number . I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

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Please charge the extension fee and any other fees required in connection with this amendment or credit any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 22-0257.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynnwood C. Cook

Dated: 7/14/04

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PATENT APPLICATION FEE DETERMINATION RECORD  
Effective October 1, 2000

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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

(Column 1) (Column 2)

TOTAL CLAIMS	18	18
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS	18 minus 20 =	*
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3 minus 3 =	*
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	

\* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2

CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

(Column 1) (Column 2) (Column 3)

AMENDMENT A	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	ADDITIONAL FEE	
				RATE	RATE
Total	18	18	=	X\$ 9=	X\$18=
Independent	3	3	=	X40=	X80=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					

SMALL ENTITY  
TYPE  OR OTHER THAN  
SMALL ENTITY

RATE	FEES	RATE	FEES
BASIC FEE	355.00	BASIC FEE	710.00
X\$ 9=		X\$18=	
X40=		X80=	
+135=		+270=	
TOTAL	355	OR TOTAL	

SMALL ENTITY OR OTHER THAN  
SMALL ENTITY

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=		X\$18=	
X40=		X80=	
+135=		+270=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=		X\$18=	
X40=		X80=	
+135=		+270=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=		X\$18=	
X40=	43	X80=	
+135=		+270=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	43	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

AMENDMENT B	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	ADDITIONAL FEE	
				RATE	RATE
Total	19	20	=	X\$ 9=	X\$18=
Independent	3	3	=	X40=	X80=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					

AMENDMENT C	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	ADDITIONAL FEE	
				RATE	RATE
Total	19	20	=	X\$ 9=	X\$18=
Independent	4	3	= 1	X40=	X80=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					

\* If the entry in column 1 is less than the entry in column 2, write "0" in column 3.  
\*\* If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20."  
\*\*\* If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, enter "3."  
The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in column 1.

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